



Atty. Dkt. No. 072121-0375  
Serial No. 10/733,766

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: David Chien *et al.*

Title: A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE STORAGE DEVICE AND METHOD  
FOR BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE CONTAMINATION TESTING

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the final Office Action dated July 23, 2007, Applicants respectfully request examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently with this submission. Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time with the appropriate fee to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.